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1. A RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE RECENTLY ASKED AN AUTHORITATIVE ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIAL AS TO THE GERMAN ATTITUDE CONCERNING A RUMOR AMONG SOME COMMUNITY COUNTRIES FAVORING A "MINI-PACKAGE" MTN AND STRICT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADHERENCE TO THE TOKYO TIMETABLE. THE GERMAN OFFICIAL DID NOT TAKE A STAND ON THE QUESTION SAYING THAT THE FRG IS WAITING FOR THE U.S. ATTITUDE ON THE SUBJECT. IF THE U.S. ADOPTED A STRONG POSITION IN FAVOR OF SOMETHING MORE AMBITIOUS THAN THE MINI-PACKAGE, THE GERMANS WOULD WELCOME SUCH A MOVE AND GIVE IT STRONG SUPPORT.

2. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT, DURING THE SCHMIDT-GISCARD MEETING IN PARIS, BOTH THE FRENCH AND THE GERMANS AGREED TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS PROMPTLY IN AN EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT (SEE REFTEL, PARA 8). INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT FRENCH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ROSSI HAD WANTED TO COME TO BONN BEFORE THE PARIS SUMMIT, BUT HAD BEEN DISCOURAGED FROM DOING SO ON THE STRENGTH OF THE FACT THAT FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHS WAS ACCOMPANYING SCHMIDT TO PARIS.

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